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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION, CO-SPONSORED
BY ALL MEMBERS INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, APPROVED
UNANIMOUSLY AT THE FEBRUARY 4 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
(OAS):

2. BEGIN TEXT (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

EVENTS IN VENEZUELA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J OLSON
DATE/CASE ID: 21 JUL 2006 200503206

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THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

BEARING IN MIND,

THAT THE GENERALIZED EXISTENCE OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS GUARANTEES THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES THAT THE SOLIDARITY OF THE MEMBER STATES AND THE HIGH GOALS SOUGHT IN THAT REGARD REQUIRE THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS ON THE BASIS OF THE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY;

RECALLING,

THE SANTIAGO COMMITMENT ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE TWENTY FIRST REGULAR SESSION;

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THE EVENTS IN VENEZUELA THIS MORNING THAT CONSTITUTE AN ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT TO DESTROY THE LEGITIMATELY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT, AND THE ATTEMPT TO MURDER THE CHIEF OF STATE,

RESOLVES:

TO CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE ARMED UPRISING AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, AS WELL AS THE CRIMINAL OBJECTIVE OF MAKING AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE CHIEF OF STATE.

TO EXPRESS ITS REPUDIATION TO THOSE SECTORS THAT HAVE ATTEMPTED, THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE, TO USURP THE POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY AND DEMOCRATIC WILL OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE, EXPRESSED REPEATEDLY IN A SYSTEMATIC AND CONTINUOUS ELECTORAL PROCESS THAT HAS SECURED A SOLID DEMOCRATIC TRADITION.

TO EXPRESS ITS RESOLUTE AND UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ AND TO CONGRATULATE THE VENEZUELAN NATION FOR ITS ENERGETIC REACTION AGAINST THIS DEPLORABLE ATTEMPT TO INTERRUPT ITS CONSTITUTIONAL COURSE.

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TO REITERATE THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES TO RESPECT AND STRENGTHEN THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY, CONSISTENT WITH THE SANTIAGO COMMITMENT, REAFFIRMING THAT THERE IS NO MORE ROOM IN THE HEMISPHERE FOR REGIMES THAT COME TO POWER BY FORCE.

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TO ENTRUST TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA.

3. END TEXT

4. PORT AU PRINCE MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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